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<p>(54) Title: LOUDSPEAKERS COMPRISING PANEL-FORM ACOUSTIC RADIATING ELEMENTS</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A panel-form loudspeaker (81) comprising a resonant distributed mode acoustic radiator having a periphery, a transducer (9) mounted to the radiator to excite distributed mode resonance in the radiator, and a frame (1) supporting the radiator, the transducer being coupled between the radiator and the frame to vibrate the panel to cause it to resonate to produce an acoustic output, characterised in that frame supports the radiator round its periphery and by resilient suspension means coupled between the frame and the radiator periphery.</p>												

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